



SOUTH ASIA INITIATIVE TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Terms of Reference for National Children's Networks

The SAIEVAC Child Participation Program will be based on the following Terms of Reference in order to strengthen the meaningful and ethical participation of children in the region to end violence against children.

General principles:

- Non-discrimination and inclusiveness
- Democracy and equality of opportunity
- Mutual Respect
- The physical and psychological safety of the participants
- Adult responsibility
- Voluntarism
- Informed consent and transparency
- Participation should be an enjoyable and stimulating experience.

Representation on SAIEVAC Regional Consultation of Children:

- One girl and one boy will represent the children from the country in the regional consultation of children
- Children on the Board will be selected by the children at the national and regional level in a fair and representational manner

Responsibilities of Children of the National Forums

- Children of the National Forums will be responsible for presenting the views and feedback on protection issues in their country
- The children on the National Forum will feedback the results from the Board Meeting to the other children in the Forum and Country
- Children will present the process and outcomes of their activities at Regional and National level forums at Governing Board and will seek guidance from the Board

Children's Participation: SAIEVAC Workplan

- The Governing Board will integrate children's recommendations into the SAIEVAC workplan
- The SAIEVAC Regional Mechanism will seek to operationalise children's recommendations to facilitate their implementation
- The SAIEVAC Regional Mechanism will look into ways of continuously communicating their work to children in the region through emails, websites, child friendly publications, media etc.

SAIEVAC Regional Mechanism's role vis-à-vis children's participation

- The representation of children in SAIEVAC is on a continuous basis, allowing children in the SAARC countries to influence decisions at the national and regional level to end violence against children

- Communicate regularly with selected children and national and regional child forums to ensure commitment, ownership and participation through different mediums, such as web-platforms and other virtual communication channels.
- Accountability mechanisms will be defined to ensure SAIEVAC seriously considers and follows up on children's recommendations
- The SAIEVAC Coordinators will be accessible to selected children's representatives and forums at national level to listen and learn from children and support children in their own initiatives
- The SAIEVAC Regional Mechanism and Coordinators, with the support from SACG will help facilitate at least one national level children's consultation a year and one regional child consultation once every second year on child rights issues including child protection and anti-violence issues.
- SAIEVAC Regional Mechanism will nominate one person to become the focal point for the Regional and National Child Forum to End Violence Against Children
 - Communication and updates on developments of activities of SAIEVAC
 - Developing child friendly versions of key documents and disseminating it to the RCF and National Children Forums in each country
 - Updating the website and portal on regular basis
 - Supporting moderation of posts on the social networking platform on the web
 - Supporting and facilitating development of reports, documents based on the activities of children at regional level and dissemination of those activities etc.

Operational structure of National Children's Forum (NCFEVAC)

- National forum of child led organizations/ initiatives working towards ending violence against children will be formed in each country in South Asia and will be linked to community and grass roots initiatives.
- Democratic selection of the representatives of child led organizations/initiatives on ending violence against children from member countries will form the Governing Body of the NCFEVAC.
- The governing body of the NCFEVAC will meet once in a year and will discuss:
 - The annual plan and activities of the NCFEVAC
 - The nominations and representation to the governing board members of NCFEVAC
 - Important issues of the to Regional and National Forum and coordination among regional and national initiatives
 - Linkages and involvement with other child led organizations/ initiatives into the NCFEVAC
 - Rules/ regulations and any other operational issues
- The members of the Governing Body of NCFEVAC will communicate with each other through a social networking platform on web and will have an exclusive page on the website of SAIEVAC.

The representatives of the Governing Body members of NCFEVAC will also represent the NCFEVAC in relevant meetings and conferences at regional and national level.